

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-0010**

**Dr. Thomas Zedekiah Offutt House**

**2620 Offutt Road**

**Woodstock, Baltimore County**

**1850 ca.**

**Private**

The Dr. Thomas Zedekiah Offutt House, although not depicted on the 1850 county atlas, dates to the mid-19th century and was most likely constructed shortly after 1850. The dwelling, significantly enlarged and altered since 1900, encompasses a log house that is evident within the existing structure. Additionally, several of the accompanying outbuildings date to circa 1850. The property on which the dwelling and dependencies are located was part of the original Worthington survey and in the mid-19th century was surrounded by farms owned by the Worthington, Offutt, Wolf, Cockey, and Dorsey families. By 1877, the dwelling and outbuildings were erected, and Dr. Thomas Offutt resided on the farm. Offutt Road, however, did not exist by the late 1870s. Instead, nearby Granite Road was the closest thoroughfare. The property remained in the Offutt family through the early 20th century, and in 1915, M.E.A. Offutt occupied the dwelling, which was located on 231 acres of land. Architectural evidence suggests that the 20th century alterations to the building might have occurred during M.E.A. Offutt's ownership of the property. The farm has retained its rural characteristics through the late 20th century, and all of the historic outbuildings have kept a significant amount of their historic materials. The house, however, has been greatly altered since 1900.

Although no evidence of the earlier building was discovered at the time of the exterior survey, oral information indicates that the house originated as a mid-19th century log structure that is extant on the interior. It is possible that this older building is located within the side-gabled rear portion of the dwelling. The house has been so altered, however, that this possibility could not be verified at the time of the exterior survey. An intensive-level survey is recommended to determine an original construction date for the log house. The current main block of the vernacular dwelling fronts south and sits back from Offutt Road and features a circa 1910 foursquare form with a hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles. The wood frame structural system, which is supported by a concrete-parged foundation, is clad in modern weatherboard. A one-story, wraparound porch with a half-hipped roof supported by Tuscan columns dominates the façade. A square-edged wood balustrade spans the outer two bays of the three-bay-wide porch. A sash-and-paneled single-leaf door and three 6/6 vinyl windows pierce the façade. The gabled dormer, which is clad in weatherboard, features two 6/6 vinyl windows. Three circa 1850 outbuildings, one circa 1900 outbuilding, once circa 1940 silo, one 1948 outbuilding, one circa 1950 silo, and a circa 1970 garage are also located on the property.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0010

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Thomas Zedekiah Offutt House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 2620 Offutt Road not for publication

city, town Woodstock vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Brenda R. and John E. Creighton

street and number 2620 Offutt Road telephone Not Available

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14646 folio 225

city, town Towson tax map 76 tax parcel 378 tax ID number 2200001976

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Several historic dependencies are sited to the north of the dwelling. The circa 1850 bank barn located closest to the house is a two-and-a-half-story wood frame structure clad in board-and-batten siding with a solid random rubble stone foundation and a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The three-bay-wide building fronts west with two central flush-vertical-board sliding barn doors. A one-and-a-half-story gambrel-roofed milking parlor of solid random rubble stone construction extends to the east from the foundation.

A circa 1850 pump house is sited to the south of this barn and is connected to it by a one-story stone hyphen. The solid random rubble stone pump house is one story tall and one bay square with a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. A six-panel single-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround pierces the façade, or east elevation.

Near the entry of the circa 1850 bank barn is a circa 1945 silo. The structure is roughly twenty-five feet tall and ten feet in diameter with a parged random rubble stone foundation. The cylindrical silo is constructed of concrete staves held together by metal rings.

To the north of the circa 1850 bank barn is a second bank barn that dates to 1948 but makes use of a partial mid-to late 19<sup>th</sup> century foundation. The two-and-a-half-story wood frame barn is clad in board-and-batten siding and features a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The foundation has been partially rebuilt with concrete block, and the façade, or west elevation, is pierced by a wide door openings with two flush-vertical-board sliding barn doors. Eight rectangular louvered wood ventilators also pierce the façade. Extending from the east elevation is a large shed-roofed addition.

Located at the southwest corner of the 1948 bank barn is a silo that also dates to circa 1950. The cylindrical metal structure is roughly thirty feet tall and ten feet in diameter and features a domed roof clad in standing seam metal.

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West of the 1948 barn is a circa 1859 stable/hay barn of wood frame construction clad in board-and-batten siding with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a solid random rubble stone foundation. The east elevation of the exposed foundation is open and not posted, while the second and half stories of the two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide building feature one sliding barn door. A square ventilated cupola rises from the center of the roof ridge.

South of the stable/hay barn is a two-story drive-through corncrib/barn dates to circa 1900 and features a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal and board-and-batten siding over the wood frame structural system. Supporting the building is a random rubble stone foundation with some concrete block in-fill. The central bay is open below a window opening in the gable peak. The structure now serves as an animal shelter.

A circa 1970 garage is also located on the property. The one-and-a-half-story wood frame building is clad in board-and-batten siding with a concrete foundation and an asphalt shingled front gable roof. The façade is pierced by one paneled roll-up metal door below one flush-vertical-board single-leaf door in the gable peak.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1850 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1850 ca., 1910 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> The name also appears as Thomas Zedok Offutt.

<sup>2</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory; see also J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>3</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre

Acreage of historical setting 231 Acres

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1850, the Dr. Thomas Zedekiah Offutt House has been associated with the 28.4334 acres of land known as tax parcel 378 of map 76 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 30, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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USGS Quad: Ellicott City  
Scale: 1:24,000



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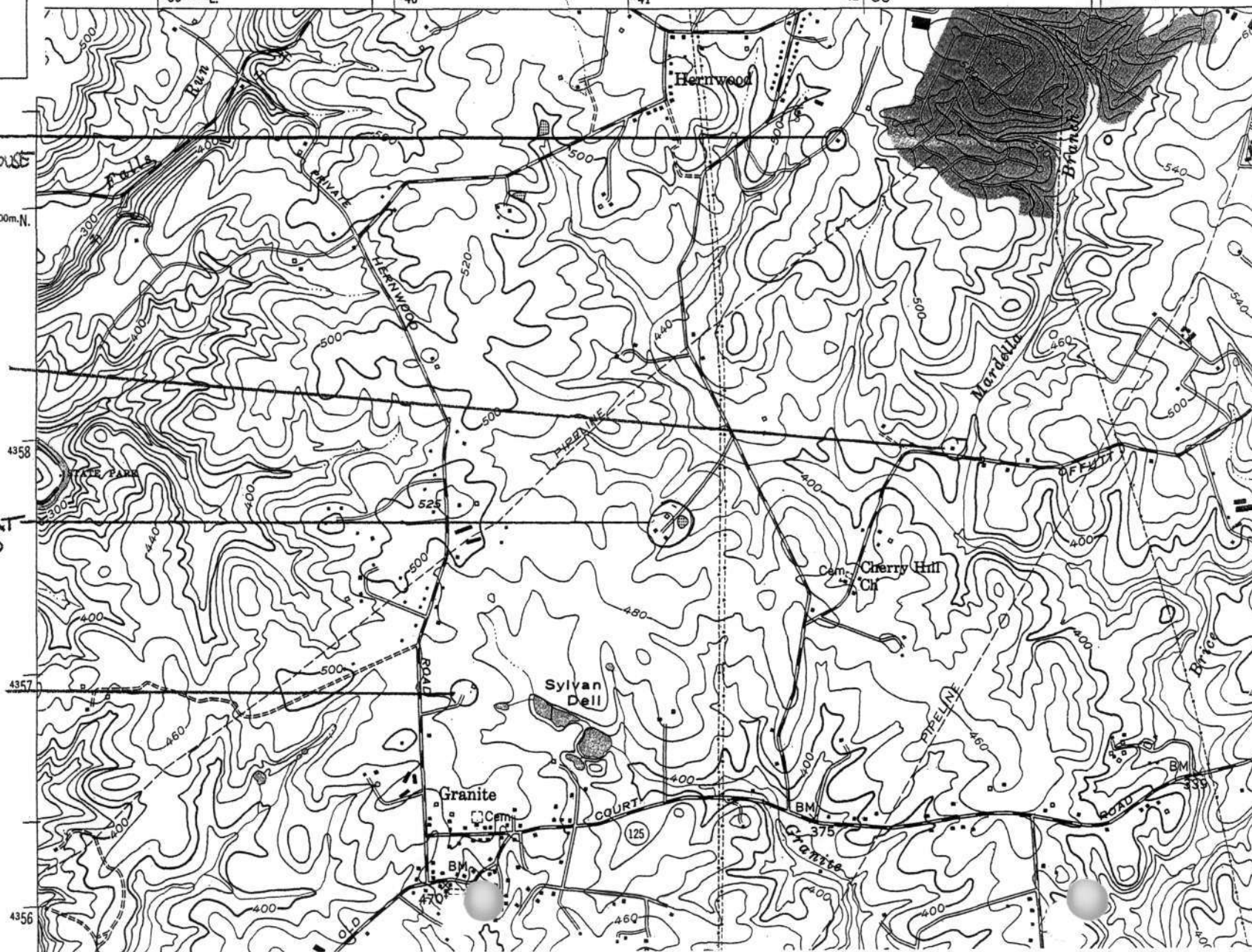
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HARRISONVILLE 1.1 W

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3517 GRANITE ROAD  
WOODSTOCK, BALTIMORE  
COUNTY

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2620 DUFFUT ROAD  
WOODSTOCK  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0009  
MT. WELCOME RETREAT  
3144 GRANITE ROAD







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mid 1800s

Dr. Thomas Zedok (?) Offutt's House  
2620 Offutt Road  
(north side, 0.7 mile east of Granite Road)  
Granite

This large vernacular-style frame house has a gable roof and is covered by clapboard. It was in excellent condition in 1978, and was surrounded by red barns, silos, and numerous dependencies. Part of the original Worthington survey, the house was shown on the 1877 atlas. The owner in 1978 was listed as William I. Wolf.



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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN _____ VICINITY <b>Dist. II</b> STREET NO. <b>Offutt Rd. near Granite Road</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-10</b>	
		2. NAME <b>Dr. Thomas Zedok Offutt's House</b> DATE OR PERIOD <b>mid 1800's</b> STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span>  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Frame farm house.</b></p> <p><b>Numerous dependencies.</b></p> <p><b>Part of the Worthington tract.</b></p> </div>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior			
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>(E. Frances Offutt)</b> <b>HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE</b> <b>COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>  DATE OF RECORD <b>July 29, 1965</b>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE